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## AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON:—W. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET, 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GORDON, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BATES, HENDY & CO., 4, Old Jewry, E. C. SAMUEL DRACON & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.  
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## Bank.

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.  
RESERVE FUND, 1,000,000 Dollars.  
COURT OF DIRECTORS.  
Chairman—F. D. SASSON, Esq.  
Deputy Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.  
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H. ROPIUS, Esq. WILHELM REINERS, Esq.  
CHIEF MANAGER.  
Hong Kong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.  
Shanghai, EWEN CAMERON, Esq.  
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

## HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.  
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.  
For Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.  
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.  
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.  
Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.  
Hong Kong, February 14, 1878.

## NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.  
MR. THOMAS ISAAC ROSE is authorised to conduct the Business of the HONGKONG COMPANY, LIMITED, at Hong Kong, and to Sign per Procuration.  
JOHN HARVEY, Managing Director.  
London, December 14, 1877. fe28

NOTICE.  
MR. HORATIO GAY JAMES was admitted a Partner in our Firm on the 1st January, 1878.  
GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.  
Hong Kong, January 5, 1878.

NOTICE.  
MR. H. F. MEYERINK has been admitted a Partner in our Firm from this Date.  
MEYER & Co.  
Hong Kong, January 1, 1878. ap2

NOTICE.  
MR. CHARLES DAVID BOTTOMLEY was admitted a Partner in our Firm on the 1st July, 1877.  
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.  
Hong Kong, September 22, 1877.

NOTICE.  
I HAVE This Day established myself at this Port as a MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT, under the Style or Firm of GEO. R. STEVENS & Co., who will henceforward conduct the Agency of the AUSTRALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.  
G. R. STEVENS.  
Hong Kong, December 29, 1877.

NOTICE.  
I HAVE This Day Established myself at this Port, under the Style or Firm, WEST POINT IRON WORKS, ENGINEERS AND BOILERMAKERS, by WILLIAM DUNPHY & Co., Late Manager of the NOVELTY IRON WORKS, Hong Kong.  
W. DUNPHY.  
Hong Kong, December 10, 1877. jo10

## For Sale.

### LAMBERT, ATKINSON & CO. HAVE FOR SALE.

EX M. M. S. S. "AV4," AND OTHER RECENT ARRIVALS.  
TEYSSONNEAU'S STRAWBERRIES in SYRUP.  
TEYSSONNEAU'S ASSORTED FRUITS in NOYEAU.  
TEYSSONNEAU'S ASSORTED FRUITS in BRANDY.  
TEYSSONNEAU'S ASSORTED PATES in Patent Tins.  
TEYSSONNEAU'S PATE DE FOIE GRAS in Patent Tins.  
TEYSSONNEAU'S ASSORTED JAMS and JELLIES in Glass Bottles.  
PHILIPPE and CANAUD'S ASSORTED PATES.  
PHILIPPE and CANAUD'S LONG ASPARAGUS.  
PHILIPPE and CANAUD'S SARDINES.  
FENARD & FILS' FINEST OBERBOURG BUTTER, in Bottles.  
CIGARETTES, COMPAGNIE LAFERME.  
RICHMOND SMOKING MIXTURE.  
BARCELONA NUTS.  
BRAZIL NUTS.  
PEANUTS.  
ALMONDS in SHELL.  
SMYRNA FIGS.  
MUSCATEL BLOOM RAISINS, in Cartons.  
EPPS' COCOA.  
BORDEN'S CONDENSED MILK.  
GOLDEN GATE FLOUR, in Barrels.  
GALETTES and BISCUITS, in 1/2 lb. Packets.  
WAFFLE IRONS. AMERICAN BROTHERS.

VERY FINE "O. K." BOURBON WHISKY.

BILLIARD CUE TIPS.  
BILLIARD CUE CEMENT.  
BILLIARD CHALK.  
BILLIARD TABLE CLOTHS.  
BARCLAY and PERKINS' PORTER, in Hogsheads.  
HORN'S BEST QUALITY RUSSIAN ROPE.  
HORN'S ASSORTED TARRED and WHITE LINES.  
FAIRBANKS' SCALES.  
&c., &c., &c.  
Hong Kong, February 22, 1878.

## FOR SALE.

THE BRITISH 3-MASTED SCHOONER "RUBICON," of 204 Tons Register, or about 4,500 pounds carrying Capacity, as she now lies in this Harbour.

Apply to MEYER & Co., Agents.  
Hong Kong, February 25, 1878. mo4

## FOR SALE.

LARGE TAKASIMA COAL, Ex Godown at \$8 PER TON.

Apply to THS. G. GLOVER, No. 7, Queen's Road Central, and East Point.  
Hong Kong, February 18, 1878. mo18

## COAL.

BEST QUALITY CARDIFF STEAM COAL for Sale, ex Godown.

Apply to BATTLES & Co.  
Hong Kong, December 3, 1877.

## NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I, A to E, with Introduction. Royal 8vo, pp. 202.—By ERNEST JOHN EITZ, F.R.S., F.R.G.S.  
Price: TWO DOLLARS AND A HALF.  
To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., Hong Kong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALES, Shanghai.  
Hong Kong, February 8, 1877.

## Intimations.

A CARD.  
DR. W. C. EASTLAKE, DENTIST, can be Consulted at his Rooms, No. 1, Alexandra Terrace, daily from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.  
Hong Kong, February 5, 1878. mo6

## DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS begs to say that he has RETURNED, and is now ready to receive Patients.  
Hong Kong, November 22, 1877.

## NOTICE.

KWONG HING CHEUNG & Co., COAL MERCHANTS, Have always on hand for Sale every description of COAL at Moderate Prices.  
Mr. ARNOLD has been appointed Manager, and all Orders addressed to him at 57, Praya, or to Mr. FAY JACK, at 30, Ring Lung Street, will receive immediate attention.  
Hong Kong, March 13, 1877. mo19

## Intimations.

### EX LATE ARRIVALS.

UMBRELLAS, AUTOMATON PATENT, NOVELTIES in TILES and SCARFS.  
COLLARS and SHIRTS, in New Shapes.  
CHRISTY'S Newest Shapes in HATS.  
TALL BLACK SILK and DRAB HATS.  
ELWOOD'S CORK and FELT HELMETS.  
MEERSCHAUM and BRIAR PIPES.  
CIGAR TUBES, Assorted.  
LAWN TENNIS BATS and BALLS.  
RACQUET BATS and BALLS.  
CRICKET BATS, BALLS and STUMPS.  
CABINETS of GAMES.  
LADIES' DRESSING BAGS, fitted: MANTLE-PIECE MIRRORS.  
FRENCH and ENGLISH DOLLS.  
AMERICAN ICE PITCHERS.  
RUSSIAN CIGARETTES.  
SILBER KEROSINE LAMPS.  
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.  
Hong Kong, February 25, 1878.

### THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Seventh Ordinary MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the 22nd March, 1878, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1877.  
The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th March to the 22nd March, both days inclusive.  
By Order of the Board,  
OLYPHANT & Co., General Agents.  
Hong Kong, February 22, 1878. mo22

### THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TENDERS are invited for a LEASE of the HONGKONG HOTEL, the present Five-yearly Lease expiring on the 31st August, 1878. SEALED TENDERS to be sent in on or before the 31st March, 1878, to the Secretary of the HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, who will supply any information required.  
By Order of the Directors,  
LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary.  
Hong Kong, September 15, 1877. ap1

### G. FALCONER & Co., WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS, AND JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.  
48, Queen's Road Central.  
Hong Kong, February 20, 1878. mo20

### W. BALL, CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTERS OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' Sundries, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.  
Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.  
PRAYA-WEST, HONGKONG, Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.  
Hong Kong, July 13, 1876.

### THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

HENRY B. HYDE, President.  
J. W. ALEXANDER, Vice-President.  
SAMUEL BOWEN, Secretary.  
A. A. HAYES, Jr., General Manager, for China and Japan.  
PRINCIPAL OFFICE, 120, Broadway, New York.  
Assets \$31,700,000  
Surplus \$5,500,000

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hong Kong, China, for the above Company, are prepared to Accept Risks at greatly reduced rates and upon terms very favourable to the assured.  
For full information and particulars, apply to  
OLYPHANT & Co., Agents.  
Hong Kong, January 21, 1878.

### A LAUDATORY NOTICE.

WE, the Chinese Passengers by the S. S. S. Co.'s steamer "NITOR," Capt. T. W. Freeman, beg to signify our sense of gratitude publicly for the great kindness with which we were treated on board by Captain Freeman, his Chief Officer Mr. W. T. Hannah; 2nd Officer Mr. J. H. Roberts; and 3rd Officer Mr. D. S. Morrison; and Dr. G. Kirby, during the last voyage of the vessel from Singapore to Hong Kong; particularly for the good-heartedness they showed in yielding to our wishes in having preserved the body of an unfortunate passenger named Chan Anai, who happened to die on board. We, therefore, as a mark of our sense of gratitude, beg herewith to tender publicly our sincere thanks to Capt. Freeman and his Officers, and Dr. Kirby.  
NG YOUNG, of the Kwong Tai Kee shop, and the other Chinese Passengers.  
Hong Kong, February 23, 1878. mo2

### A. MILLAR & Co., PLUMBERS, AND GAS FITTERS.

Queen's Road East, HONGKONG.  
September 16, 1877.

### WANTED.

TO RENT from the 1st of MARCH for a month or two, A FURNISHED HOUSE on the Hill, if possible with Garden.  
Address: "Furnished House" care of Office of this Paper.  
Hong Kong, February 14, 1878.

### ESTATE OF DODD & Co.

AT the MEETING held on the 12th Instant at Messrs DODD & Co.'s OFFICES, the following RESOLUTIONS were carried:—  
1. That the affairs of the said DODD & Co. shall be liquidated by arrangement, and not in Bankruptcy.  
2. That FRANCIS CHOMLEY be, and he is hereby appointed Trustee.  
3. That H. ASKEDORF and EDWARD PRY be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee of Inspection.  
All PAYMENTS on account of the Estate, it is requested, will be paid to the order of the Undersigned.  
F. CHOMLEY, Trustee for the Estate of DODD & Co.  
Ainoy, January 14, 1878.

### DEVOS'S BRILLIANT OIL.

RELIABLE, ECONOMICAL, SAFE!!  
DESIRING to benefit by the world-wide reputation of our Oil, certain parties have attempted to imitate our packages. Suits at law have been instituted against the MAKERS and PURCHASERS of these imitations. Buyers should be careful to see that the words "DEVOS'S BRILLIANT" are stencilled on the cases, and the words "DEVOS & CO. PATENTS" are stamped on the top of the can.  
THE DEVOS MANUFACTURING Co., 80 Beaver and 127 Pearl Streets, NEW YORK, U. S. A.

## Intimations.

### NAVAL CONTRACT, 1878-79.

SEALED TENDERS, in duplicate, will be received by the Undersigned, until Noon on FRIDAY, the 15th March, 1878, from Persons desirous of SUPPLYING the following ARTICLES for the use of H. M. Navy for the year 1878-79, viz.:—  
FRESH BEEF. TEA.  
FRESH VEGETABLES. RAISINS.  
RICE. WATER.  
SUGAR. SOFT BREAD.  
BISCUITS.  
Printed Forms of Tender and further particulars can be obtained at the Naval Storekeeper's Office.  
The right to reject the lowest or any Tender is reserved.  
J. BREMNER, Storekeeper.  
H. M. Victualling Yard, Hong Kong, February 25, 1878. mo18

### HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.  
CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in an Account or Business Contributed during the half year ended 31st December, 1877, on or before the 28th Instant, on which date the Accounts will be Closed.  
By Order of the Directors,  
D. GILLIES, Secretary.  
Hong Kong, February 11, 1878. fe28

### AFONG, PHOTOGRAPHER.

by appointment, to H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG; and to H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA.  
Wyndham Street, formerly ATHLETIC CLUB.  
HAS on hand the Largest and Best collection of Views of China, Photographs, Albums, Frames, Cases, &c., of assorted sizes. Ex S. S. Tigre, Revolving Standard Albums, Armorial Monograms and Postage Stamp Albums, Russia Leather, Velvet and carved-wood Albums, Cases and Frames, also Albums for Cabinet Portraits only. Portraits of the Generals of the present Russo-Turkish War, Eminent British Statesmen, the two Chinese Ambassadors, in Cabinet and Carte de Visite sizes. Coloured Portraits of English Ladies.  
Hong Kong, August 24, 1877.

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

FOR BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.  
(Calling at the usual AUSTRALIAN COAST Ports).  
The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "SOMERSET" will be despatched from SINGAPORE for the above Ports on the 5th Proximo.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to the Undersigned, who are prepared to grant through Bills of Lading.  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.  
Hong Kong, February 20, 1878. tt

FOR VICTORIA (V. I.)  
The A 1 American S. M. Schooner "MIGNON" Capt. SOULE, having the greater portion of her Cargo engaged, will have immediate despatch as above.  
For Freight, apply to ROZARIO & Co.  
Hong Kong, February 9, 1878.

FOR MANILA.  
The Spanish Barque "MINERVA," ESCOBAR, Master, will have immediate despatch as above.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co.  
Hong Kong, February 21, 1878.

FOR LONDON.  
The 100 A 1 British Ship "BROOMHALL," H. BATES, Master, will load here and have quick despatch.  
For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co.  
Hong Kong, January 7, 1878.

FOR LONDON.  
(To follow the Broomhall).  
The A 1 British Bark "FALCON," DAVID BARRY, Master, will load here and have quick despatch.  
For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co.  
Hong Kong, February 8, 1878.

FOR LONDON.  
The A 1 American Ship "ALICE M. MINOTT," WHITMORE, Master, will have quick despatch for the above Port.  
For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.  
Hong Kong, February 8, 1878.

### Shipping.

#### Steamers.

FOR MANILA.  
The Spanish Steamer "LEYTE" will be despatched for the above Port on WEDNESDAY, the 27th Instant, at Noon.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to J. Y. V. SHAW, Agent.  
Hong Kong, February 25, 1878. fe27

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.  
The Eastern and Australian Steam Co.'s Steamer "NORMANBY" will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 1st March, at 11 a.m.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.  
Hong Kong, February 25, 1878. mo1

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG VIA SUEZ CANAL.  
The German Steamship "GALATHEA," BÖHM, Master, will be despatched as above on or about the 1st of March next.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to Wm. FUSTAU & Co., Agents.  
Hong Kong, February 18, 1878.

MONTHLY SERVICE.  
FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, and the usual Ports.  
One of the Australasian S. M. Co.'s Steamers will leave this for the above Ports on or about the 20th Proximo.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.  
Hong Kong, February 25, 1878.

FOR PORTLAND (OREGON).  
The A 1 British Ship "LADY BOWEN," FOX, Master, will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.  
For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.  
Hong Kong, January 30, 1878.

FOR PORTLAND (OREGON).  
The A 1 British Bark "LADY BOWEN," FOX, Master, will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.  
For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.  
Hong Kong, January 30, 1878.

FOR HAMBURG.  
The A 1 British Bark "ANTIPODES," CAPTAIN WYTHE, will load here as above.  
For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.  
Hong Kong, January 23, 1878.



## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

## FROM HIOGO AND NAGASAKI.

THE S. S. *State of Alabama* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharf or Barge delivery may be obtained. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Goods remaining undelivered after the 27th Instant will be subject to rent.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.  
Hongkong, February 20, 1878. te27

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. *AMAZONE*.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Indes*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-day, the 21st Instant, at 4 p.m., requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining undelivered after Wednesday, the 27th Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUY,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, February 21, 1878. te27

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## SHIP CASHMERE, FROM CARDIFF.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby notified that she has arrived in Port, and requested to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, February 25, 1878. me4

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
H. DU POUY,  
Agent.  
Ex "Ava."

FP (in diamond) No. 1778 Order, from 2 cases Hats, London.  
Hongkong, February 13, 1878.

## To-day's Advertisements.

## FOR SWATOW, AMOY &amp; FOOCHOW.

The Steamship "YESHO,"  
Capt. S. ASHTON, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 28th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.  
Hongkong, February 26, 1878. te28

## NOTICE.

## THE HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of MEMBERS of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held at the City Hall, on THURSDAY, the 7th Proximo, 1878, at 4 p.m.

By Order,  
E. GEORGE,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, February 26, 1878. me7

## CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT LOAN, 1877.

NOTICE is hereby given that the DRAWN BONDS of the above LOAN, and Interest due to 28th Instant, will be paid at the Offices of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on and after that Date, upon presentation of the Provisional Certificates.

For the  
HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, February 26, 1878. me1

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

QUICKSTEP, American barque, Captain Barnaby, — Captain.

TARTAR, German brig, Captain Kaemena, — Masters & Co.

MARIN, German barque, Captain Hundewadt, — Weller & Co.

PALESTINE, British barque, Captain H. Bowditch, — Tai Lee.

KILLARNEY, British steamer, Captain O'Neill, — Gibb, Livingston & Co.

LOUISA, German 3-m. schooner, Captain Scherloh, — Eduard Scheffels & Co.

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

Feb. 25, *Holbrook*, British steamer, 333, J. Peters, Halphong Feb. 20, Rice and General. — Siemens & Co.  
Feb. 25, *Sancti Spiritus*, British steamer, 1460, Gardner & Fox, Saigon Feb. 19, Rice. — Gardner & Fox.  
Feb. 25, *Christiana*, German barque, —

425, M. Ipsand, Keelung Feb. 19, and Amoy Feb. 23, Ballast. — Weller & Co.  
Feb. 25, *Nouveau Mondelli*, British barque, 385, Oberg, Higo Feb. 16, Rice. — Wm. Puxau & Co.  
Feb. 25, *Ningpo*, British steamer, 761, R. Cass, Shanghai Feb. 22, General. — Siemens & Co.  
Feb. 25, *Nestor*, British steamer, 1414, T. W. Freeman, Shanghai Feb. 19, via Amoy, General. — BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.  
Feb. 25, *Papa*, German barque, from Whampoa.

DEPARTURES.  
Feb. 25, *Sun-lee*, Chl. g.-b., for a cruise.  
25, *Christine*, for Hakow.  
25, *Atlanta*, for Saigon.  
25, *Bellona*, for Saigon.  
25, *Conquest*, for Halphong.  
25, *Esmeralda*, for Amoy.  
25, *Thingvalia*, for Shanghai.  
25, *Khiva*, for Shanghai.  
25, *Ningpo*, for Canton.

## CLEARED.

*Pega*, for Manila.  
*Radnorshire*, for Swatow.  
*Golden Spur*, for Tounon.  
*Zamboanga*, for Halphong.

## PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.  
Per *Ningpo*, from Shanghai, Madame Mariotti, Messrs W. Cadwallader and Almeida, and 27 Chinese.  
Per *Nestor*, from Shanghai via Amoy, Messrs J. A. Leyenberger, Harvey A. Flint, B. Hoetink, and 500 Chinese.  
Per *Holbrook*, from Halphong, 12 Chinese.

DEPARTED.  
Per *Conquest*, for Halphong, 60 Chinese.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Holbrook* reports: First part thick fog, which detained us two days in the Hainan Straits, from thence to port thick misty weather and strong N.E. winds.

The British steamer *Zansibar* reports: First part moderate breeze with strong Southerly set (50 miles per day); latter part strong wind from N.E. with heavy head sea. Vessels in Saigon: S. S. *Standard*, *Jaya*, *Cassandra*, *Malabar*, and a few sailing ships. Spoke the British steamer *Minerva* from Hongkong bound to Saigon, outside Ladrone Island.

The British barque *Nouveau Mondelli* reports: Last two days strong monsoon.

The British steamer *Ningpo* reports: Rainy weather and moderate monsoon throughout. The British steamer *Nestor* reports: Fair winds all the way down.

## POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

## MAILS will close:—

For SAIGON.—  
Per *Maharajah*, at 9.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 27th inst.

Per *Pernambuco*, at 5.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 27th inst.

Per *Parais*, at 4.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 27th inst.

For MANILA.—  
Per *Leyte*, at 11.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 27th inst.

For YOKOHAMA.—  
Per *Malacca*, at 5.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 27th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.—  
Per *Yesso*, at 6 p.m. To-morrow, the 27th inst.

For SAIGON.—  
Per *Altona*, at noon, on Thursday, the 28th inst.

For PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, &c.—  
Per *Normandy*, at 10.30 a.m., on Friday, the 1st March. 12 cent rates.

## MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAITS PACKET.

The S. S. *Nestor*, will be despatched from Hongkong, on or about WEDNESDAY, the 27th Instant, with Mails for Singapore, Somerset, Cooktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen, Koppal Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania, New Zealand, and Melbourne.

Correspondence for Southern and Western Australia can be sent by this route if desired, but as a general rule it is better to send it via Gale.

Hongkong, February 26, 1878. te27

## MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.

The English Contract Packet *INDUS* will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 28th Instant.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 27th Instant.—  
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.

6 p.m., Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 28th Instant.—  
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.

10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 15 cents extra Postage till

11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom via Brindisi, or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, till

11.50 a.m., when the Mail is finally closed.

Hongkong, February 14, 1878. te28

## MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *Belgo* will be despatched on MONDAY, the 11th March, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:—

2 p.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 p.m., Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 15 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Costa Rica, Honduras, Monte Video, New Grenada, Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent by this route.

Hongkong, February 26, 1878. me11

## POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

## MAILS BY THE FRANCE PACKET.

The French Contract Packet *Des* will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 7th March, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles, to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Calcutta, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 6th March.—  
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 7th March.—  
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) except those to and through Australia, may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 15 cents extra postage, until

11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

Hongkong, February 21, 1878. me7

## Shipping Intelligence.

The following is corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers:—

## VESSELS TO ARRIVE.

## AT HONGKONG.

When left. Name. From. Remarks.

May  
10, David, Antwerp  
12, Chandos, Cardiff  
15, Alstra, Melbourne

June  
15, Henry Lippett, New York

July  
2, Northampton, Baltimore

Aug.  
11, North Star, Cardiff  
14, Regulus, Cardiff

Sept.  
3, Andreas, Flushing Roads  
7, Hecla, Flushing Roads  
21, P. J. Carleton, Liverpool  
23, Victoria (s.), Liverpool  
26, Maria Ravana, Penarth

Oct.  
2, Anna Bertha, Cuxhaven  
7, Forest Belle, Cardiff  
8, Elcano, Penarth  
15, Vega, Cardiff  
18, Oscar, Hamburg  
25, Benedicta, San Francisco  
30, Lodore, London  
31, Alden Beaze, Astoria

Nov.  
1, Elizabeth Ostle, Antwerp  
2, Cadiz (s.), Liverpool  
2, Johann Smidt, London  
2, Minna, London  
3, Elizabeth Shields, Hamburg  
30, Jethi, Cardiff

Dec.  
1, Glogaber, Flushing  
2, Otto, Hamburg  
4, Devana, London  
13, Sir Harry Parkes, London  
15, Sedan, Cardiff  
19, Forward, Newcastle (N.S.W.)  
23, J. R. Worcester, London  
25, G. B. S., Liverpool

Jan.  
6, Ulysses (s.), Liverpool  
8, Koru, Penarth  
11, Elizabeth Childs, Sunderland  
11, Prince Friedrich Carl (s.), London  
12, Elizabeth Nicholson, Newcastle (N.S.W.)  
12, Hylton Castle, Glasgow  
17, Glamis Castle (s.), London  
17, Agamemnon (s.), Liverpool

Feb.  
1, Carl Wilhelm, Cardiff  
4, Oscar Mooyet, Newport  
5, Catharina, Cardiff

LOADING FOR CHINA AND JAPAN PORTS.

At London.—Steamers via Suez Canal, Glenfles, Glenfles.

Oxfordshire, Sailing Vessels.

Per Ardus, At Liverpool.

Aureta (s.), Pacific.

Demolition (s.), Pacific.

## General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, February 28.—  
Daylight.—Fast leaves for Coast Ports.

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

FRIDAY, March 1.—  
11 a.m.—*Normandy* leaves for Port Darwin, &c.

*Galatia* leaves for London, &c., on or about this date.

TUESDAY, March 3.—  
5 p.m.—Meeting of Zealand Lodge.

THURSDAY, March 7.—  
Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

4 p.m.—Meeting of H. K. General Chamber of Commerce, at the City Hall.

FRIDAY, March 8.—  
Transfer Books of The Chinese Insurance Co., Ltd., closed from this date to 22nd March, inclusive.

MONDAY, March 11.—  
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco on or about this date.

FRIDAY, March 15.—  
Noon.—Naval Contract Tenders close for the supply of Provisions.

FRIDAY, March 22.—  
3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Chinese Insurance Co., Limited, at the Head Office, Hongkong.

## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

## Shipping.

Noon.—*Leyte* leaves for Manila.

Goods per *State of Alabama* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Goods per *Amazona* undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.

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Hongkong, June 1, 1878.

The publication of this issue commenced at 7.40 p.m.

## THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, FEB. 26, 1878.

We have received the Medical Reports for the half year ended September last, published by order of the Inspector General of the Imperial Maritime Customs.

Dr. Manson reports an unusually high rate of mortality at Amoy in consequence of the occurrence of an epidemic of Asiatic cholera. The Doctor says that in the course of a few weeks the disease spread from Amoy to Japan. The presence of the disease in the settlement was first discovered by a post mortem examination of the body of a Manilaman who had died suddenly, with a history of vomiting, purging, cramps and collapse, on the 20th June. On enquiry among the Chinese it was then ascertained that many deaths had occurred from a similar affection, and Dr. Manson soon had plenty of opportunities for verifying the presence of the disease in the settlement.

It was not, however, until the 2nd July that any case occurred among foreigners. On that day one of the marines of Her Majesty's gunboat *Hornet* was attacked early in the morning and died at 5 p.m. on the same day. On the day following another sailor from the *Hornet* was admitted to the hospital in a state of collapse, but he recovered from the attack. During the next few days several cases of cholera occurred on board the *Hornet*, but none of them proved fatal.

On the 5th July a foreign resident on Kulanga was attacked but he recovered. Four European residents were subsequently attacked, two of them dying. The mate of one vessel and the engineer of another in the harbour were also attacked, the latter only recovering.

Among the Chinese the disease was reported to have spread to the large cities in the neighbourhood of Amoy, and the mortality was very great. Dr. Manson estimates the probable mortality at the height of the epidemic at 75 per diem—possibly 100. The total mortality among the Chinese was about 1,600 out of a population of 30,000. At one time it was not possible to move about much out of doors without encountering several cases either on the roadside, in the streets, or in sampans. In regard to the treatment of the disease, Dr. Manson says:—

As we are ignorant of the nature of the cholera poison, our treatment after a person has been attacked must be a treatment of symptoms. If there is premonitory diarrhoea it must be checked by the most powerful astringents—this the Chinese attempt to do by the exhibition of opium, and this has fairly manifested itself by astringents and attempts to forestall the collapse, stimulants. The pulse these indications. As a cholera is the disease is fairly established, it is impossible on account of vomiting to retain medicines, and then our only resort is hypodermic injection which I think was of use in many cases during the epidemic. In the collapsed stage, stimulants, champagne and the application of heat in any or all of the different forms recommended were employed.

In addition to these the Chinese employ persons to pinch various parts of the body, with osh. In Amoy a skilled "pincher" it commanded a high rate of wages. It happened to a foreigner here that one of his servants discovered that he possessed an innate talent for pinching, and that instead of earning four dollars a month as a coolie, he could as a "pincher" earn at least thirty.

Though we are comparatively helpless in the medicinal treatment of a bad case of cholera, much can be done in the way of preventive treatment of a bad case of cholera. During the earlier weeks of the epidemic we were anxious to have the fact of the presence of cholera recognised in order that some concerted action might be taken by the authorities, foreign and native, with the object of limiting its spread as much as possible. Our efforts in this direction were much embarrassed by the scepticism of some amateurs, who were very positive in proclaiming their opinion that the disease was being hourly encountering was not Asiatic cholera. The disease, as is always the case out of India, was imported, either from Saigon, where it was prevailing, or from Singapore.

Dr. Manson expresses his belief, in regard to quarantine arrangements, that to prevent cholera from being imported from one port to another in China, as for instance from Amoy to Hongkong, or vice versa, is impossible without putting a stop to trade entirely; and it would be quite impracticable to bring the junk trade under any regulations. Apart from this, there is the overland traffic, and it was decided at the international sanitary conference in 1874 that land quarantines were "impracticable and useless" even in European countries. At the outbreak of the present epidemic, quarantine laws regulating the passenger traffic between Manila and Amoy were instituted of such stringency as at once to put a stop to all direct communication between the ports. Dr. Manson considers it a "strange fact" in the history of the epidemic that it passed over Swatow and Hongkong, and he adds the not very welcome opinion to residents here that "it is not unlikely we may hear of its having appeared at both these places within the next twelve months." We trust the sanitary authorities here will take the hint. An account of an outbreak of cholera on the revenue cruiser *Fei Hoo*, kindly furnished by Captain Cooker, is appended. Several men were attacked, but were cured by the administration of chlorodyne, with the exception of one patient, who died. With one man, however, another system of treatment was adopted, as described below:—

5th August, 2 p.m., An Amoy man, aged 25, was seized with slight purging and vomiting. Gave 10 drops of chlorodyne in half a wineglassful of water; dose repeated three times at intervals; 4 p.m., cramps in legs and arms; 6 p.m., collapsed, face sunk in and fingers shrunk; 7 p.m., no pain, body cold, no pulse to be felt and evidently sinking. I had the man removed to the engine room and placed between the boilers, stopped up both ends of the passage between the boilers with blankets, administered a blare glassful of brandy and commenced shampooing; 7.30 p.m., complained of great thirst, for which he was allowed to drink lemonade ad libitum; 8 p.m., pulse could be felt. Legs and arms commenced to get warm, perspiration set in and he was removed to the forecabin. He recovered. (The heat between the boilers was about 120° F.) 7th and 8th August, two more men were similarly seized and treated with chlorodyne and brandy; one recovered in a few hours and the other after some days.

Dr. Jamieson reports that seven deaths occurred among foreign residents at Shanghai from cholera during the half-year, and five among foreigners belonging to vessels in the harbour from the same disease. The natives do not appear to have been much affected with the disease comparatively speaking. Dr. Wong of Canton reports that the general health of the foreign community there during the half-year was fairly good. The thermometer reached 97° degrees on the 7th August, that being the hottest day of the twelve months. The most remarkable event of the summer was the flooding of the different parts of the City and of the adjoining low-lying districts. Dr. Ringer reports that the health of the foreign community in north Formosa was not very good during the summer months, a considerable number of cases of malarious fever having occurred. At Kelung almost all the mining experts were attacked to a greater or less extent by the fever.

About the middle of February 1,500 Chinese troops were landed at Kelung and stationed in a newly built mud fort. At the end of the September, according to Chinese statements, 800 had succumbed to various diseases, chiefly to a low form of fever. From Foochow, Dr. Somerville reports an epidemic of cholera. Every year, during the summer, he says there are a few sporadic cases of cholera in the City, but this year it appeared as an epidemic and was very fatal. The total mortality in and about Foochow was estimated by the Chinese at from 5,000 to 7,000. In some instances the Chinese adopted the objectionable practice of placing the patients out to die on cane couches by the side of the road. Fortunately only two Europeans were attacked, but they both died.

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."] (By Southern Route.)

## THE WAR.

London, 24th Feb. 1878.

Among the items demanded by Russia in the negotiations for peace, was the cession of the Turkish Ironclad Squadron.

The Porte, however, dissented from this condition, and declared that it would prefer to destroy the Squadron, rather than give it up to Russia.

The demand was subsequently withdrawn, an engagement being entered into by the Porte that the Squadron should not be ceded to England.

The peace conditions are not yet signed, but the conclusion of a treaty of peace is expected to-morrow.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The S. S. *West Stanley* came round from Aberdeen Dock to-day.

Owing to Mr. Justice Snowden being engaged in the Full Court, the cases in Summary Jurisdiction were put off till next Tuesday.

News has reached town of the loss of the German barque *Ceres*, Captain Specht. She left this for Chefoo on the 18th January with a general cargo.

We have received a copy of Part II. of "A Chinese Dictionary in the Cantonese Dialect." By Ernest John Kitel, F.R.D. Tabing. It comprises 24 to 24th, inclusive, and covers 200 pages.

The report that the U. S. S. flag-ship *Monongahela* was ashore is, we are informed, a freak of fancy. Its circulation, however, caused the U. S. Admiral to telegraph



force which he felt sure the Government might rely upon for the maintenance of good order and the suppression of crime. The Colonial Government had obtained from England from time to time bodies of men who reflected credit on the Colonial police force. There were "thorough" and "Sergeants" amongst them who had gained their position by steady good conduct; they well deserved their good fortune and their future prospects were not forgotten. He would remind the others that they had equally good prospects of promotion in the future. To the contingent on his right (the Indians) he said they were a credit alike to Mr. O'neagh and to the Colony, and with regard to the Chinese contingent he might say that it was owing to the efficiency displayed by that force that Mr. O'neagh had advised an increase in the number of Sergeants, and in time Inspectors, and he would assure them that whatever Mr. O'neagh should receive his best attention. He then went on to say that he had no doubt the Government could rely on the force. We have troops, he said, but he thought we could establish in this Colony an armed force which in a contingency the Government could rely upon. He felt sure they could, depend on the loyalty of those before him now, and when he saw how numerous they were, he felt he must supply them with more officers, and this matter was receiving his best attention. They might rely on his taking a personal interest in their welfare. He would now ask them to give three hearty cheers for the Queen. Mr. O'neagh then showed His Excellency round the Police Barracks, and he made a very minute inspection. The telegraph wires to Pok-folum and Aberdeen were then worked, and Mr. O'neagh afterwards made a photograph of the entire force. His Excellency being present. The Governor left about 4 o'clock.

## RACING GOSSIP.

Monday, Feb. 26th.

A wretched morning rendered training operations anything but agreeable. As usual the state of the racing community was present, but the early birds, generally identified with trials by moonlight, were conspicuous by their absence.

The amount of work done was considerable, although hardly anything in the shape of fast galloping was attempted.

The running track is in a deplorable state, the ground being perfectly rotten, and much in need of rolling, and any other practical improvement which the Clerk of the Course may have in his power to carry out. We seldom care to be too severe on honorary officials, but really the interests of racing require some energetic action in rendering the course as good going and as safe for horsemen as it possibly can be made. Under ordinary circumstances, and in the finest weather, our racecourse, on account of its sharp turns, is rather dangerous to ride over, but as it is now, a wretched quagmire full of holes, the chances of an accident, or a series of accidents, are increased a hundred fold. The hybrid executive of the Hongkong Races, (having no Racing Club, we are at a loss how to designate the committee of management) having, on dit, any amount of funds in hand, will probably see the necessity of re-turfing the whole, or greater portion of the running track when some unlucky jockey gets a broken neck.

The heavy going will doubtless have a material effect on the prospects of many candidates, and upset the shrewdest calculations. The track is certain to be heavy, no matter what kind of weather the gods may be pleased to favor us with between now and Thursday. Should Jupiter Pluvius however continue to oblige us, as seems very probable, a large majority of the races will go to the strong, rather than to the swift.

Soud, after a lot of walking and trotting exercise, galloped sharply for about six furlongs, moving well through the mud. This little black-tailed grey is bound to take a lot of beating in the shorter races for which he is entered. The Doctor, accompanied by a grey pony about whose identity we are not quite certain, went a little over a mile, and the old chestnut seemed able to pull over his rival the whole of the way albeit he went very short, and without any of the dash which brought him to the front last year. Sunbeam cantered twice round the course, and Daybreak went very freely in a short spin. The Babe, ridden by his owner, cantered and galloped a short distance in his well known resolute style. He failed, however, to please cognoscenti; but this we fancy was more the fault of the rider than the horse, the gentleman's seat favoring far more the soldier than of the jockey.

Black satin was out, but did nothing worthy of notice. Her stable companion, White Velvet, a very powerful pony by the way, galloped over a round of the course in a satisfactory fashion.

Claymore was indulged with a short trot, and old Naveau, ridden by the

laid at the Horse Repository, who has a fine seat and hands, cantered slowly for three quarters of a mile, pulling up all right. The Nob did similar work piloted by Mr. Nicholls, and we are glad to hear that this able horseman is likely to have the mount in the Garrison Cup. Boomerang went through some cantering exercise, winding up with a sharp burst; but we were not altogether satisfied with him. We are still of opinion that Dynamite will beat this flatcatcher in the Colonial Stakes, although Mr. Grant's mare is not so well as could be wished.

The rooking horse Warlock cantered and galloped in his customary "three legged" style. This animal, properly managed, would make a fortune for an enterprising showman. (Mr. Mold, kindly note.)

Cookchaser had a splendid gallop, moving in first class form through the heavy ground. "The clans" are not so far out of the hunt as public opinion of a recent date would seem to imply.

Bay Run cantered but did nothing noteworthy, whilst Soylia had a long sweat in extra heats. White Lily had also a short gallop, but seemed not quite at home in the heavy going. Jamboree, a rare good, went strong and well for nearly two miles. We hear this cream-colored candidate did a rare trial over a mile a few days ago, so will be worth looking after. Temptation was said to have been well beaten in a trial before daylight; but we are unable to speak authoritatively on this point, not having seen the spin. Spurs is also credited with having accomplished wonders, and is now a warm favorite for the Derby. We have no faith in the time test, and as they have nothing in Mr. Kerfoot's stable capable of testing a Derby pony's capabilities at a mile and a half, we decline to believe in Spurs. It seems strange, if Spurs is so much superior to Whipcord, that it has taken such a long time to find it out.

Gun Cotton and Wanderer galloped nearly twice round, and the grey appeared to go the better at the finish. Old Scamp also made an impression by his resolute going, his action being as true as in his palmist day.

Chackmannan, a peculiarly marked but very well shaped youngster, did nice quiet work, and will probably perform respectably in the Canton Cup, or some other sprint.

The best gallop of the morning was between the Slasher, Ariel and Pawnee. A gallant colonel rode Slasher, a Chinese boy Pawnee and "the man-eater" was steered by his owner. The ponies cantered twice round, and then galloped at racing pace for a mile. Entering the straight, Slasher was judiciously eased, but the other pair ran a desperate race home, Pawnee having a lot the best of the struggle at the finish, owing to carrying a much lighter weight, and to the extraordinary fashion in which Ariel was jockeyed. We were perfectly amazed at one rider's mode of finishing, as he nearly "jogged" his pony's head off. His inarticulate "awing" at the animal's mouth could only have one result, and as we expected, his pony was bleeding freely, when he returned to the paddock. It is no doubt a laudable ambition to aspire "to waltz the world with noble horsemanship," but cruelty to animals and finished jockeys are not synonymous terms, and with all due deference we venture to submit the opinion that the riding referred to was anything but a satisfactory exhibition.

Claymore is still the most fancied candidate for the Garrison Cup, and the Fair-shon's victory would be well received, for both horse and owner are extremely popular, but the heavy going will be all in favor of The Nob, and we think Mr. Paul's gelding cannot be beaten.

## AN OLD SPORTSMAN.

Police Intelligence.  
(Before the Hon. C. May.)  
Feb. 26, 1878.

RETURNING FROM DEPORTATION.  
Wong-a-San, a coolie, was sent to 12 months' hard labour for returning from deportation. He is one of the men who were released on account of the attention they paid to the sufferers by the Yew explosion and has been eight times convicted.

## DROWN.

William Comben, a seaman unemployed and Michael Brank, seaman American ship Humboldt, were each fined 80 cents for the above offence.

## GAMBLING.

Se Ayan, a shop coolie, was sent to 51 days' hard labour as a rogue and vagabond, for street gambling.

## Manila.

(Translated from our Manila Exchange.)  
Out of 21,624 mail cigars offered for sale by auction, for exportation, on the 15th February, 7,881 were sold for a total sum of \$93,356.40, including \$78.80 of premium.

A shooting expedition returned the other day, after an absence of about a week, with 112 head of game, viz., 102 deer and 10 wild boar.

A fire broke out in the district of Indian, Cavite, when 27 houses and several stalls in the market were burnt.

A register of inscription for vessels to carry 12,000 quintales leaf tobacco from Manila to the Peninsula was opened on the 15th Feb., the terms being 58 reales vellon for steamer and 28 for sailing vessels. The register closes on the 28th Feb.

Several silver cups intended for the race meeting this year have been received from Germany, by Messrs. Tillson Hermann and Co.

The British barque *Aberny* arrived on the 19th Feb., and the British barque *Glen-fuin* on the 21st, both from Hongkong. The British steamer *Ogouette* arrived from Liverpool, via Singapore, on the 21st February.

The American barque *O. A. Bishop* is advertised to sail for London on the 21st February.

The Spanish barques *Conchita* and *Flora de Maria* are loading for Hongkong, and the British ship *Burdwan* is loading for Falmouth.

On the 14th February, a man lost his life while searching for anchors lost by different vessels in the roads of Zamboanga. He descended to the bed of the sea with diving apparatus at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, and by half-past four his companion seeing that no signal was made from below, went on shore to report to the authorities of the occurrence. When the deceased was brought on shore and upon the diving dress being removed from him, life was found to be extinct. No cause has yet been assigned for the death.

An Italian correspondent, writing under date of Feb. 15, says that the operations in the sugar market continue to be very limited. The result of the present crop will be one third less than what was estimated, owing to the effects of the drought and locusts. There was a demand for grain, but a few days ago 15,000 cavans arrived from Albany and the price had not been raised to more than \$3.2 for current and \$3.8 for white. Nothing important to report in sawnwood, but some demand is expected to lead the vessels that have to return to your port. The Spanish ship *Chico* is taking in government tobacco and will leave for Europe about the end of this month.

## Japan.

(Gazette.)

The Russian corvette *Bajan*, with the Admiral in command of the squadron in these waters on board, arrived this morning (Feb. 12th) from Nagasaki. The *Baydnam* and the *Wendnick* are expected to arrive shortly.

The wreck of the Russian war-ship *Albat* was sold to-day at the Russian Vice-Consulate, by public auction, and brought, as it lies, \$1,060. It was knocked down to Messrs. J. C. Carroll & Co.

It has been suggested, and we think with good reason, that an agency for the Torres Straits line of steamers between Hongkong and Sydney would be very useful and well supported. Arrangements could be made for the receipt of freight and passage money by one of the houses here, which would have frequent opportunity to forward cargo and passengers by steamer to Hongkong, there to connect with the regular line to Australia.

At the instance of Mr. de Groote, Belgian Minister, Mr. Sameshima, Minister for Japan in France, has been appointed also to represent this country at the Belgian Court.

## THE TURKISH FLEET.

(Friend of India.)

It is very difficult to see where compensation to Russia for the cost of this war, is to be found. She herself, wisely recognizing the facts of things, in other words that Europe will not permit her to find compensation in Europe, turns to Armenia, and it is the cession of territory in that quarter, that she will doubtless demand as one of the conditions of peace. She has captured Kara three times over in the last 50 years, and will now in all likelihood retain it, and receive therefrom the coast line from Batoum to Trebizond. No candid person can doubt, that the transfer of this territory to her, will be an almost unmitigated good to the people and a gain to the world at large. She will probably also stipulate for the cession of constructing which English capitalists in their folly have been furnishing her for the last 20 years. The two largest of these ironclads are the sister-ships *Moudoud* and *Mendhowitz*, launched only three years ago at Blackwall, by the Thames Ship-building Company. These two marvellous vessels are each of a burthen of 9000 tons displacement, 332 feet long, and with an extreme breadth of 59 feet. Each vessel carries twelve 18-ton guns, throwing 400 lb. shots. Two other notable ironclads are the *Avni-Allah* or *Help of God*, and the *Muin Zaffer*, or *Aid to Victory*, built respectively by the Thames Iron Works and Samuda Brothers. They are exceedingly formidable ships, and are said to be the highest speed war vessels afloat of their tonnage. The total ironclad fleet consists of 21 vessels, including 5 gunboats.

This powerful fleet has been constructed wholly out of English capital. The very first foreign loan opened by Turkey was the loan of 1854, contracted in London, through Dent, Palmer and Co., to enable her to carry on the Crimean war. The second loan was contracted under the joint guarantee of England and France in 1855. From that date, the opening of new loans was incessant, down to the seventh of the series, negotiated by Mr. Laing in 1864, to the amount of \$38,000,000 sterling. The reckless borrowing that then began may be seen at a glance from the following figures:—

1855	...	\$ 6,000,000	@ 6 per cent.
1857	...	2,500,000	" 8 "
1859	...	28,000,000	" 6 "
1861	...	5,700,000	" 6 "
1872	...	11,000,000	" 9 "
1873	...	20,000,000	" 8 "
1874	...	40,000,000	" 8 "

## LONDON GOSSIP.

(Pioneer.)

A man who has just come into the room where I am writing says that there are a score of students at this moment passing placards, bearing placards with great letters:—"En l'honneur d'Ariel." The country is in danger. A Faction is striving to hurry you into war in an unjust, perilous, and costly war, which would bring shame for ever on the fair fame of England, and terribly aggravate the existing distress," or words to that effect. My informant conjectures that the placards are issued by the Trades Union Committee, and that they are intended to excite a popular agitation which might then be directed to the advantage of the masons' strike. These masons, by the bye, are getting furious under the prospect of defeat. You will see specimens in the papers of the brutal onslaughts made by English roughs (of course not by masons, nor by blackguards, but by them) on the German

workmen at the Law Courts. Talk of Turks! why the worst of them are gentlemen compared to English roughs.

You will have heard of the late Sir Fitzjames Stephen's anatomy of Mr. Bright's Indian speech at Manchester: it is much more cruel than vivisection. Poor Mr. Bright must have winced through all his simple flesh as he read it, that is, if he read it. But he is so lazy that he probably did not read it. What, with indolence, and what with the conceit bred of flattery, he takes no pains to gather information. All his material is gained in gossip. He adopts just so much as soothes his prejudices of whatever his theories have an interest in telling him, and then propounds the foolish fallacies before great audiences with a confidence as authoritative as if he were Moses announcing a direct revelation from the mighty. The fact is that Mr. Bright is not one of those few privileged statesmen against whose mental faculties advancing age is powerless. His larynx is as sound as ever, but he twaddles now to an extent which is pathetic to those who, though often opponents, still felt a sort of national pride in his nervous oratory. Assuredly, as regards Bright's casual speech at Manchester, even Sir Arthur Cotton, monomaniac though he is called, must have shuddered to hear his brochet so absurdly supported.

I hear a great deal of croaking and lamentation this Christmas on other accounts, but I have heard no complaints (for a wonder) of the Christmas weather. As the elder Mr. Weller would have said, it has been the "seasonable weather" ever known—bright, dry, and frosty. Of course, therefore, the thoroughfares and better quarters of London present a rich and gay appearance. The women, looking so affluent in their furs and velvets, and the shop-windows, tempting you with every luxury, curiosity, and knick-knack you can conceive, and all in this sunny and yet bracing weather, make the streets a very animated and animating lounge. You might fancy the great city burning with prosperity. But a fear that this is very far, indeed, from being the case. Some of the papers may perhaps be too despondent in their estimate of the situation, but it is possible to struggle against the conviction which grows on you that people are not as well off as they were. Of course there are still heaps and heaps of rich people about, but there are comparatively few so rich—that is, able to spend as much—as they were a few years ago. With regard to wholesale trade—to manufacturing and commerce—there can be no question as to the great existing depression. This we know too well from official statistics. The country at large, and speaking generally, cannot sell its goods. Other countries cannot afford to buy them, or can get the same things cheaper elsewhere. The revenue returns tell us that the national income has fallen from £140 millions to £100 millions, and that the national debt is only 70 millions.

It is not so very long ago that exports and imports were almost balanced. Of course it shows how rich we are that we are able to buy for 140 millions more than we sell. That this was possible is (I need not say) because other countries owe us such a lot for loans and investments in their stocks, that an enormous annual income is coming to us from abroad in the shape of interest. But the national income from this source is not what it was. Five or six States pay no interest at all on their debts, and others do not pay the due interest in full. In the meantime, while our income has been diminishing, we have been increasing our expenditure. Some financial authorities consider that the nation during the last year or so has actually been lifting upon its capital. All allow that if the national capital is still accumulating, it is doing so very slightly. All agree that the time has fully come for general retrenchment.

The scandal that arose at the new club, opened for the purpose of playing baccarat, has caused the closing of the club. It was intimated to Captain Batchelor by an illustrious personage, that either he must take his name off the Marlborough Club or give up his own new one; and Captain Batchelor bowed to the inevitable. As he said:—"The Prince is against me, the Press is against me; I must give in." So the new club has ceased to exist, and a good thing too. I think Captain Batchelor might have found himself in an unpleasant position if he had kept it open longer. As I said in my last letter, clubs are private institutions, and not amenable to police jurisdiction. But when a man starts a club with the object of playing baccarat, and the question might arise—How does that man differ from what we call a hell-keeper; and is the club anything more or less than a hell? I say such a question might have arisen. For Captain Batchelor's own sake (a popular man and a good fellow), I am glad the place is done with. One effect of the closing has been to drive all the play to the Berkeley, where they are hard at it nightly, and where money changes hands freely. The other night, or rather about four in the morning, the baccarat-players got hungry, ordered a big supper, and took their cards downstairs with them, to play while they ate it, and it was nine o'clock before the party broke up. I remember they used to play at the Arlington until about that hour. The Berkeley has not been quite free from play scandals, and the committee have had to request a certain Dr. S. to take his name off the institution, that gentleman having lost about \$1,500 which he professed himself quite unable to pay. As he previously won some good sums, the committee did not see the force of his argument, and refusing his resignation, struck his name off. The same gentleman was member a few years back of the Junior St. James's Club, and there, too, there was a card row, and there, too, his name was removed. One cannot help feeling and lamenting that these card rows are too common just now. A young fellow loses a lot of money, and then quietly says:—"Can't pay." If his creditors are good-natured, nothing is done; if we hear of the affair, comment on it, and forget it. If, on the other hand, the loser is a nobody, unpopular, and with no one to turn about him, he is hauled over the coals, turned out of the club, and sent to Coventry. Pardon me for going to rest for the night.

Here is a perfectly true story, which I think you will allow to be old. About fourteen years ago a gentleman was under the painful necessity of suing for divorce from his wife, to whom he had then been married six years. He obtained his divorce, and the lady subsequently married the co-respondent. Two years afterwards the gentleman himself married again. Eight

years later this second wife died. The co-respondent in the divorce suit also died, though at what period in the fourteen years I do not know. But two months ago, when the original husband and wife met accidentally at Brighton for the first time after fourteen years, they had long been respectively widower and widow. You might have expected the *rencontre* to be a mutually embarrassing one. It does not appear to have been so. The first time they passed each other, they could not help smiling. The second time they bowed. The third time the lady frankly came forward, and holding out her hand said:—"Don't you think we were both very foolish fourteen years ago?" The gentleman appears to have quite agreed with her, for they re-married to each other three weeks ago at Brighton; and far from being bashful over the matter, had a handsome wedding-breakfast on the occasion; and the story was told me, with names and all confirmatory circumstances, by one of the guests at the party.

A good many of your readers no doubt are "old Westminsters," but a great many more of them are not. I may therefore be excused for attempting to convey to you a portion of my own surprise at the performance commonly known as "The Westminster Play." Strange to say I had never witnessed it until last night, and yet this is not so strange for I never before had an opportunity. It is a case of *non curio hominum*: it is not so easy to get a ticket. If it were otherwise—if admission could be got for the asking—there would not be such diplomacy and importunity exerted by the fair sex for the privilege of hearing a long play, of which they do not presumably understand a word. The fact is, that the accommodation for spectators is very limited. After allowing space for the Westminster boys themselves there is only room for exactly 800 guests, viz., 240 men and 560 ladies. These sixty tickets are distributed among very great ladies, the personal friends of Dean Stanley and Dr. Scott, the Head Master, or the mothers and sisters of the Westminster boys who actually perform in the play. One of the oddities of the Westminster theatre is that the spectators all sit together, with no admixture of men. In the immediate front of the stage, on the floor of the house, are ten rows of ten chairs each, corresponding to the stalls at an ordinary theatre, which are set apart for "old Westminsters." On each side of this reserved space, and behind it, rise tiers of chairs, one tier above another. The ladies have the monopoly of one side, the other is appropriated to masters of the School and the more distinguished guests, while the less distinguished male visitors occupy the front and lower rows of the gallery behind; and the serious ranks of Westminster boys stretch away in the background to where the eye can scarcely pierce the gloom. It may show the competition that exists among ladies for the privilege of being bored by a Latin play, when I say that a real young Countess was sitting, the only woman, among the great flock of men. She had written to Dr. Scott for a lady's ticket, but the lady was obliged to express her regret that all had been given away. The lady however was not to be baffled. She managed to get a "gentleman's" ticket, and presuming upon her rank, I suppose, there she was, rather to the scandal of the school authorities, sitting, the only representative of her sex, among the gentlemen, and chatting away with the Master of the Rolls as if she thought she had the best of it. The auditorium part of this famous theatre is very curious. It is an immensely long and lofty room, and about fifty feet wide, called "The Dormitory," ordinarily partitioned off into thirty-two little separate sleeping-rooms, each containing a bed, a chest of drawers, a washstand, and two chairs. You may judge therefore of its size. All these sleeping arrangements were of course kept away for the requirements of the drama, and heaven only knows where the thirty-two boys slept. But this clean sweep, and the introduction of chairs and galleries, sum up the efforts at adornment. The walls are yellow and brown and black with age and want of paint, covered with thousands of names of former scholars, who seem to have been allowed for ages to paint their initials or names, in sizes of their own fancy, all over the place. Deciphering these was not quite our only recreation during the interval before the curtain rose, for the band of the Coldstream Guards was in attendance somewhere close, although invisible, and gave us quantities of capital music during the evening. Nevertheless, compared with the public theatres of London, brilliant with gold and colour, it must be confessed that this great room, crowded with men in black coats and white ties, relieved only by one patch of feminine costumes, bounded by those dingy walls, and not very well lighted, was a rather dreary spectacle. Then suddenly the curtain rose, and what a change! I am speaking quite soberly, and without the least exaggeration, when I say that no theatre in London exhibits at this moment anything so beautiful as the scene the stage presented. As for any rivalry from private theatricals the idea is preposterous. I have been at Sir Percy Shelley's theatre at Boscombe, and Sir Ivor Guest's at Oxford, but neither can vie for a moment, either in male or female, with this boys' theatre at Westminster. The scene was a conjugal representation of *ancient Athens*. No indulgence was needed. To talk of making allowances would be an insult. The spectacle challenged and defied criticism. It was a beautiful work of art. Standfast, guided by Schlemann, could have done nothing finer. It is true there was no great variety of scenery, only one other picture of an ancient amphitheatre being presented. That too, though less wonderful than the view of Athens, was admirably painted. Somebody near me said they were by Telbin, but I forgot to ask for positive information. And now as to the performances. First there was a very clever Latin prologue, very well delivered by the Captain of Westminster, who, by the bye, was dressed according to usage in all-gown, knee breeches, black silk stockings, and steel shoe-buckles. The prologue consisted, first of a mourning tribute to the most eminent "old Westminsters" who had died during the year—Sir David Dundas, Mr. James Mure, Bishop Milman, and Viscount Gage—secondly, a sarcastic reference to the attacks which had been made in the papers upon the management of the school, which (informed us) of increasing so greatly the number of applications for admission, that it would be necessary to provide more boarding-house accommodation for pupils; and that in the meanwhile many applicants were unavoidably refused. Then the Play,

the *Adelphi* of Terence, began. When you think that perhaps none of the ladies, and probably not many more than half the men, could really follow the dialogue with facility, it says much for the vivacity and point of the acting that the applause was frequent, in parts almost continuous, apparently quite unforced, and sometimes absolutely enthusiastic. I was myself astonished at the excellence of the acting and elocution, but even more astonished at the evidently genuine enjoyment it produced. It is true that one of the masters told me that it was the best *corps dramatique* the School had possessed for many years. There was no prompting; there was no break-down; there was even no character inadequately sustained; there was no one inaudible; no one at all appearance at least degenerate nervous. To give an honest idea of my impression, I will say that only once in my life have I seen an English piece performed so equally well throughout as this Latin one was last night at Westminster. To explain the thoroughness with which these Westminster plays are prepared, it is well to recall that they are not mere exhibitions to show off the Latin proficiency of the scholars; they are a matter of very practical business. The performance of a Latin play annually (except in years marked by the death of a member of the Royal Family, or of one of the few other personages in the tenure by which the school holds, under Queen Elizabeth's grant, the greater part of its large estates. A natural consequence of this frequent (or at least annual) recurrence of a play has been the gradual accumulation of a great stock of classical costumes, scenery, and properties. It is not surprising, therefore, that the dresses last night were (except that the dresses did not wear masks) absolutely faultless in Atticism. In short I could not be sincere without getting into superlatives in describing the almost pedantic completeness with which the whole affair was got up.

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Hongkong, August 23, 1877. au28

**THE LONDON ASSURANCE**  
**COMPANY.**

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER  
of  
His Majesty King George The Third,  
A. D. 1720.

THE Underigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Corporation are  
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

**Marine Department.**  
Policies at current rates payable either  
here, in London or at the principal Ports  
of India, China and Australia.

**Fire Department.**  
Policies issued for long or short periods at  
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

**Life Department.**  
Policies issued for sums not exceeding  
25,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,  
Hongkong, July 26, 1873.

**MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE**  
**COMPANY OF MANCHESTER**  
**AND LONDON.**

THE Underigned have been appointed  
Agents for the above Company at  
Hongkong, Canton, Pootchow, Shanghai  
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant  
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 14, 1869.

## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

Vessel's Name.	Country.	Captain.	Flag and Reg.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignee or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
<b>Steamers.</b>								
Albay	2	F. Ashton	Brit.	str.	386	Jan. 27	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Haiphong
Altona	2	Müller	Ger.	str.	1179	Feb. 21	Wm. Pustan & Co.	Salgon
Amboto	2	Brown	Brit.	str.	373	Feb. 15	Meyer & Co.	
Benedi	6	Schumann	Brit.	str.	909	Feb. 23	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	
Bombay	2	Person	Brit.	str.	749	Feb. 12	Kwok Achong	Swatow
Buntan	2	Tromoya	Span.	str.	838	Jan. 29	Russell & Co.	Manila
China	2	Lee	Brit.	str.	95	Oct. 2	Kwok Achong	
Douglas	2	Ackermann	Ger.	str.	843	Feb. 3	Siemens & Co.	Shanghai
Emersala	5	Pitman	Brit.	str.	864	Feb. 17	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Coast Ports
Hailong	2	Oullen	Brit.	str.	395	Feb. 25	Russell & Co.	Amoy
Holyrood	4	Abbott	Brit.	str.	277	Feb. 17	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Tamul, &c.
Indus	2	Peterson	Brit.	str.	333	Feb. 26	Siemens & Co.	Haiphong
Kelchow	2	Shallard	Brit.	str.	2234	Feb. 24	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Europe, &c.
Khiva	2	Lee	Brit.	str.	1506	Feb. 24	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Shanghai
Leyte	2	Zablaguero	Span.	str.	331	Feb. 12	Russell & Co.	Manila
Maharajah	2	Clarke	Brit.	str.	994	Feb. 22	Siemens & Co.	Salgon
Malacca	6	Smith	Brit.	str.	1046	Feb. 25	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Tokohama
Normandy	4	Person	Brit.	str.	664	Feb. 21	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Australian Ports
Parsee	2	Goycochea	Span.	str.	600	Oct. 30	Remedios & Co.	
Pernambuco	2	Sargent	Brit.	str.	1015	Feb. 21	Melchers & Co.	
Radnorshire	2	Hyde	Brit.	str.	643	Feb. 17	Melchers & Co.	
Sea Gull	5	Thomson	Brit.	str.	1201	Jan. 29	E. Kier & Co.	
Thingvall	7	Roberts	Brit.	str.	48	Sept. 19	Insurance Company	
Wash Stanley	7	Molsen	Dan.	str.	1577	Feb. 24	Meyer & Co.	
Yesso	5	Hunter	Brit.	str.	265	Feb. 20	Landstein & Co.	
Yotum	5	Ashley	Brit.	str.	993	Feb. 18	Russell & Co.	
Zamboanga	5	F. Ashton	Brit.	str.	560	Feb. 24	Douglas Laprak & Co.	
Zanzibar	6	Goggin	Brit.	str.	269	Jan. 23	Kwok Achong	
		Aranguren	Span.	str.	661	Feb. 23	Landstein & Co.	
		Fox	Brit.	str.	1490	Feb. 25	Melchers & Co.	
<b>Sailing Vessels.</b>								
Alden Bess	4	Noyes	Amer.	bge.	842	Dec. 27	Rosario & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Alex. Newton	2	Newton	Brit.	bge.	308	Feb. 1	Rosario & Co.	Tientsin
Alice M. Minott	4	Alex.	Amer.	sh.	1100	Jan. 28	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	London
Alphington	2	Cunningham	Brit.	bge.	323	Sept. 6	Wiel & Co.	
Angelo	2	Barbeyron	Feli.	bge.	891	Nov. 14	Carlowitz & Co.	Melbourne & Sydney
Anna	4	Jeerson	Ger.	bge.	447	Jan. 7	Edward Schellhaas & Co.	
Annie Lorry	2	Gales	Brit.	bge.	753	Jan. 8	Ohlne	
Annie M. Small	4	Packer	Amer.	sh.	1306	Feb. 15	Captain	
Antelope	1	Chaney	Brit.	sh.	1806	Feb. 16	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Hamburg
Antipodes	4	Wyeth	Brit.	bge.	892	Jan. 16	Siemens & Co.	
Aristos	4	Eriksen	Norw.	bge.	928	Feb. 14	Siemens & Co.	
B. F. Watson	3	Hawkins	Amer.	bge.	993	Nov. 25	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	San Francisco
Broomhall	7	Bate	Brit.	sh.	1370	Oct. 26	Meyer & Co.	London
Carl Ritter	7	Lausen	Ger.	bge.	594	Jan. 5	Siemens & Co.	
Cashmere	2	Kendrick	Amer.	sh.	936	Feb. 23	Russell & Co.	
Ceylon	4	Kelly	Amer.	bge.	681	Feb. 8	Ohlne	
Chang	2	Hallat	Amer.	sh.	1449	Jan. 28	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Chang Watawa	2	Ulrich	Slam.	sh.	856	Feb. 4	Ohlne	
City of Halifax	4	Evans	Brit.	sh.	880	Dec. 24	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	
Comet	2	Norris	Amer.	sh.	1158	Feb. 7	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	
Corona	5	Cromwell	Amer.	sch.	150	Sept. 25	Insurance Co.	
Corona	2	Spence	Brit.	sh.	1189	Feb. 18	Meyer & Co.	Labuan
Dauphin	4	Cheshnall	Feli.	bge.	918	Jan. 22	P. & O. S. N. Co.	San Francisco
Edward P. Bouvier	4	Lechie	Amer.	sh.	1180	Feb. 21	Messageries Maritimes	
Empire	4	Martin	Feli.	bge.	264	Feb. 13	Carlowitz & Co.	
Eudoxie Adolphe	2	Garquillo	Ital.	bge.	494	Feb. 8	Thos. Howard & Co.	London
F. Starace	2	Barry	Brit.	bge.	788	Dec. 23	Meyer & Co.	Melbourne & Sydney
Falcon	2	DeGomson	Foh.	bge.	818	Jan. 12	Carlowitz & Co.	
Fanny	4	Rute	Ger.	bge.	240	Jan. 18	Carlowitz & Co.	
Felix Mendelssohn	4	Barber	Ger.	bge.	621	Feb. 8	Melchers & Co.	
Fidello	3	Bohsen	Ger.	bge.	617	Feb. 12	Wiel & Co.	
Freeman Clark	2	Dwight	Amer.	sh.	1336	Jan. 19	Battles & Co.	
Friedrich	6	Heyer	Ger. Sm. sh.	395	Feb. 5	Wiel & Co.		
G. F. Muntz	2	Schulkin	Ger.	bge.	224	Feb. 12	Melchers & Co.	
Georgina	4	Romney	Brit.	bge.	315	Jan. 18	Wm. Pustan & Co.	
Globe	2	Harrison	Brit.	bge.	685	Feb. 23	Meyer & Co.	
Golden Spur	4	Farrell	Brit.	sh.	1876	Aug. 19	Russell & Co.	
Great Admiral	4	Thompson	Amer.	sh.	812	Feb. 25	Wiel & Co.	
Hans	4	Moult	Brit.	bge.	773	Feb. 12	Russell & Co.	
Hark Away	4	Treat	Amer.	bge.	573	Jan. 18	Rosario & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Herbert Black	4	Davidson	Brit.	bge.	484	Feb. 6	Captain	
Herrmann	2	Koch	Brit.	bge.	256	Feb. 4	Landstein & Co.	
Hieronimus	4	Leand	Ger.	bge.	425	Feb. 26	Wiel & Co.	
Humboldt	4	Willey	Amer.	sh.	1018	Feb. 18	Messageries Maritimes	
India	4	Diksen	Ger.	bge.	1000	Jan. 22	Melchers & Co.	Marseilles
Jonian	5	Caye	Brit.	bge.	873	Nov. 24	Carlowitz & Co.	Singapore
Jalo	1	Moberg	Russ.	sh.	1365	Dec. 20	Landstein & Co.	
Kaiser	3	Ruase	Ger.	sh.	1240	Feb. 28	Melchers & Co.	
Kalaja	3	Rosa	Russ.	bge.	690	Jan. 12	Order	
Kato Waters	4	Gliese	Brit.	bge.	580	Dec. 8	Rosario & Co.	
Kenton	2	Colvin	Brit.	bge.	667	Feb. 15	Wiel & Co.	
Lady Bowen	8	Fox	Brit.	bge.	892	Jan. 21	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Lonia	6	Schierloch	Ger. Sm. sh.	245	Feb. 22	Edward Schellhaas & Co.		
Lucie	2	Klindt	Slam.	bge.	482	Feb. 12	Tak Mae	
Marie	8	Hundewadt	Ger.	bge.	428	Jan. 28	Wiel & Co.	
Mignon	2	Soule	Am. Sm. sh.	484	Dec. 7	Rosario & Co.	Victoria (V. I.)	
Minerva	4	Bravarte	Span.	bge.	573	Jan. 18	Remedios & Co.	Manila
Morning Star	2	Michaelson	Span.	bge.	197	Feb. 6	Tak Mae	
Mosquito	6	Hiles	Brit.	bge.	549	Feb. 12	Landstein & Co.	
Moss Glen	5	Whithusen	Ger.	bge.	920	Dec. 20	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York
Nagara	3	Stalker	Ger. sch.	157	Feb. 14	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Nimrod	5	Clark	Brit.	bge.	695	Jan. 24	Adamson, Bell & Co.	
Northern Star	4	Wortley	Brit.	bge.	327	Jan. 6	Wiel & Co.	
Nuevo Constante	3	Orlarte	Span.	sch.	217	Feb. 14	Remedios & Co.	
Palestine	4	Scowcroft	Brit.	bge.	598	Feb. 14	Melchers & Co.	
Patris	8	Schultz	Ger.	bge.	391	Feb. 19	Siemens & Co.	
Pauline	1	Tyer	Brit.	bge.	472	Feb. 7	Butterfield & Swire	
Peiho	4	Christaine	Ger.	bge.	251	Feb. 16	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	
Peter	8	Richelsen	Ger.	bge.	426	Feb. 22	Meyer & Co.	
Quoketep	3	Barnaby	Amer.	bge.	828	Jan. 4	Captain	
Rapid	2	Hunte	Slam.	bge.	429	Jan. 23	Douglas Laprak & Co.	
River Lagan	7	Quint	Brit.	bge.	851	Feb. 17	Meyer & Co.	
Rubicon	4	Thimssen	Brit. Sm. sh.	204	Jan. 17	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Samar	3	Millar	Amer.	sh.	1056	Feb. 3	Meyer & Co.	
Silas Fish	7	Williams	Amer.	bge.	732	Feb. 17	Wiel & Co.	
Sophie	4	Binge	Ger.	bge.	210	Feb. 14	Adamson, Bell & Co.	
Star of India	3	Hollows	Brit.	bge.	1040	Feb. 28	Carlowitz & Co.	
Ste. Anne	6	Francois	Foh.	bge.	387	Jan. 4	Carlowitz & Co.	
Sully	3	Clogh	Amer.	sh.	1090	Sept. 6	Russell & Co.	
Sumatra	2	Kaemena	Ger.	bge.	256	Jan. 11	Melchers & Co.	
Theresa & Nelly	3	Flourist	Foh.	bge.	388	Feb. 9	Carlowitz & Co.	
Thomas Bell	8	Gronolice	Brit.	sh.	886	Feb. 11	Borneo Co., Limited	
Titan	8	Berry	Amer.	sh.	1270	Feb. 7	Russell & Co.	
Tokates	8	Harrison	Brit.	bge.	805	Feb. 13	Captain	
Trio	2	Bakker	Dut.	bge.	289	Feb. 13	Siemens & Co.	
Uziah	4	Hamden	Brit. Sm. sh.	219	Jan. 28	Wiel & Co.		
Vega	4	Nordvedt	Norw.	bge.	585	Jan. 12	Wm. Pustan & Co.	Manila
Velocity	8	Martin	Brit.	bge.	600	Jan. 12	Wm. Pustan & Co.	Cleared
Warrior	8	Baumann	Brit.	bge.	819	Jan. 8	Wiel & Co.	
Wealthy Pendleton	7	Blanchard	Amer.	bge.	802	Feb. 18	Meyer & Co.	
Wildwood	8	Herriman	Amer.	sh.	1089	Feb. 28	Rosario & Co.	
Young Blam	2	Benedictson	Slam.	sh.	701	Feb. 7	Kin-tye-long	
<b>WHAMPOA.</b>								
Japan		Ottmann	Ger.	sch.	270	Feb. 23	Siemens & Co.	Tientsin
Papa		Blaje	Ger.	bge.	399	Feb. 8	Siemens & Co.	Newchwang
Peri		Lührs	Ger.	bg.	276	Feb. 18	Edward Schellhaas & Co.	Chafco
<b>CANTON.</b>								
Lee Yuch		Tiedals	Chi.	str.	754	Feb. 24	O. M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai
Vancote		Schultze	Chi.	str.	782	Feb. 24	Siemens & Co.	Shanghai